



ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 19.

THE REPUBLICAN tariff bill recently introduced in Congress is strongly indicative of one of two things, either that the men who formulated it knew little or nothing about what they were doing, or else that they take the farmers, who compose the majority of the voters, to be utterly ignorant and stupid, and therefore susceptible to any deception, no matter how gross, that may be practiced upon them. The bill referred to imposes a heavy tax on imported provisions and breadstuffs, for the professed purpose of "protecting American farmers," though every intelligent man knows that, so far from a tariff being necessary to exclude such importations, they couldn't be drawn here by a bounty. The surplus of such articles is here, not abroad, and what the farmer needs is, not a tariff to exclude what can not be imported, but free trade, that will give him a wider market for his products, and enable him to buy what he is compelled to purchase, at half the present price. The result of the recent elections in the North and West shows that if the republicans in Congress are acting under the impression that they can poke their fingers in the eyes of the farmers of those sections any longer, they are egregiously deceived.

THE LETTER of one of Mr. Harrison's negro postmasters, published elsewhere in today's GAZETTE, shows the regard the President of the whole country has for the white people of one half of it. And yet, soon after his inauguration, Mr. Harrison said he would appoint no man to an office in the South who was not endorsed by, and who was not a representative of, the industry, thrift, intelligence and respectability of the community in which he lived; also that it would be disagreeable for him to receive his mail from a negro postmaster, and that he would not impose upon others what would be unpleasant to himself. If such a postmaster as the one at Port Gibson were imposed upon the people of any northern town, he would be smoked out the first night.

IT IS now openly asserted by some southern republicans that the reason President Harrison reversed himself on the question of appointing negroes to office in the South, was a trade he made with them, by which he was promised in exchange for such offices their solid support for renomination at the next national republican convention. Poor Mr. Harrison! He has performed his part of the contract, at the expense of a broken word and the disgust and contempt of many who were disposed to judge him fairly, only to find, when the convention shall meet, that the negro vote in that body will go to the man with a longer and more open purse than his.

MR. HISCOCK introduced a bill in the U. S. Senate yesterday to exclude ex-Union soldiers from the civil service examinations for promotion. The professed object of the civil service law is to improve the civil service. If that service be improved by examinations, it must be improved by exemption from them. Consequently, Mr. Hiscock's bill would injure civil service, as the other bill now before Congress, to allow the President to appoint thirty additional pension examiners without examination, would also do. But congressional republicans, when they have a majority, can, and always do, pass laws to suit themselves.

BY THE new liquor license law of Maryland, Baltimore will be enabled to reduce her property tax rate fifty per cent. The able statesmen who compose the legislature of Virginia were so much occupied during their last session with bills to increase the price of fresh meat, to legalize prize fighting, and to repudiate the Virginia debt, that they either didn't have time to consider a liquor license bill that would have effected a similar reduction in the tax rate of the cities of this State, or else did not think it at all necessary that the existing rate should be lowered.

OLIVER CROMWELL, when he drove the members of the Roundhead Parliament out of Parliament House, said to them: "You, who were deputed here by the people to get their grievances redressed, are yourselves become their greatest grievance." That was 237 years ago, and yet, in view of some of the proceedings of the present American Congress, the same words might with equal truth and appositeness be applied to the members of that body.

#### FROM WASHINGTON.

(Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19, 1880.  
One of the Alexandria delegation that were before the House military committee yesterday in behalf of the Mount Vernon Avenue bill, is here to-day. He says the delegation are unanimous in their commendation of the part Gen. Lee has taken in respect of that bill, and are beholden to him for the courtesy and promptitude with which he has invariably responded to their requests, and for the arrangements he has made for their hearings, and for the interest he has taken in the matter. It may be added that the General has not only personally urged every member of the committee to support the bill referred to, but has got personal friends among the other members of the House to bring their influence upon the committee also.  
Representative Mills says he thinks the democrats will consume all of the sixteen days the republicans will allow them in which to expose the absurdities and injustice of the proposed tariff bill, but will make no factious opposition to the passage of that

bill, for the reason that they don't desire to do so, and couldn't, if they did, under the present rules and with Mr. Reed as Speaker.  
A sub-committee of the House committee on the judiciary has ordered a favorable report to the full committee at the next meeting on the Senate bill to prohibit trusts.  
In the Senate to-day the Senators from Nebraska presented petitions from the Farmers' Alliance of that State for the free coinage of silver and the issue of legal tender notes until the currency of the country shall reach \$50 per capita of the population thereof.  
Collector Brady, of the Petersburg internal revenue district, Va., stopped here yesterday on his way home from Philadelphia, where he was in attendance upon the annual meeting of the Loyal Legion. While here he called at the State Department and had an interview with Secretary Blaine. Whether in the interview there was any reference to the possibilities of the next national republican convention, or whether it related to the political abeyance of General Mahone, has not yet transpired.

Mr. Waddill, who now occupies the seat in the House to which Mr. Wise was elected, is already besieged by republican office seekers from the district he misrepresents, who having heretofore been compelled to depend for congressional influence upon republican representatives not from their own district, have now descended upon him in full force. He does his best to satisfy them, but already realizes that his task is a hopeless one. He has changed his quarters from the National Hotel to the Ebbitt House.  
The House committee on appropriations has reported to the House a bill making an appropriation of \$333,500 to provide necessary vaults and safeguards for the security of the public money in the custody of the U. S. Treasurer.  
The river and harbor bill in addition to the other provisions for Virginia water ways, heretofore published in the GAZETTE, provides \$5,000 for Nomini creek, and \$2,500 for the Mr. Vernon channel, also for the survey of Potomac creek and of the Potomac river, with a view of deepening the channel at certain points in each.  
Representative Wilson, of West Virginia, who has just returned from Boston, where he made a low tariff speech, says that while the putting of hides on the free list has partially satisfied the shoe manufacturers of Massachusetts, the low tariff doctrine is rapidly spreading all over New England. As an illustration of the truth of his statement he says that a Professor at Harvard told him that of the present fifty-three professors there, fifty were tariff reformers.

The application for bail in the case of Mr. Kincaid, now in jail for shooting the late ex-Congressman Tanbree, was heard by Judge Bingham, of the District Court to-day. Mr. Kincaid's physicians were examined orally as to his condition. The decision was reserved till Monday.  
In the House yesterday General Lee introduced a bill for the relief of Caroline A. Fairfax.  
The civil service commissioners say they reported Colonel Elam for indictment along with Messrs. Versey and Newton, but that the District Attorney refused to prosecute. They also say that Versey and Newton, though at first denying the charges brought against them, now confess, but defend themselves upon high constitutional grounds.

#### Telegraphic Brevities.

The application recently made to the Treasury Department for the free entry of certain so-called "church statuary," moulded and cast from wax, imported at New York from Naples for the use of the cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at Leavenworth, Kans., has been denied.  
W. H. Pope, teller of the City National Bank of Louisville, Ky., who absconded with \$70,000 of the bank's fund, has been arrested at Lamy, New Mexico.  
A young lady of New Haven, Conn., who went driving with a man on Tuesday was forced to marry him, he having threatened to kill her if she refused.  
A fire at one of the Dwight Manufacturing Co.'s cotton houses at Chicopee, Mass., last night destroyed \$40,000 worth of property.  
Mr. Murat Halstead will assume the editorial management of the Brooklyn Standard Union on Monday.  
Forest fires near Plainfield, Conn., have extended over 3,000 acres. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

#### The Pan-American Conference

The difficulties in the way of the adoption of the report of the committee of the Pan-American conference on general welfare, recommending the nations of Europe to adopt the policy of arbitration, were removed yesterday through the personal intervention of Mr. Blaine, and the report was adopted. The hitch was caused by the fact that the matter involved the controversy between England and Venezuela over the possession of the gold lands in Guiana and the navigation of the O. inoco.  
This virtually wound up the business of the conference. The conference met to-day at 11 o'clock to sign the minutes of yesterday's closing session. Secretary Blaine then delivered a closing address, and the delegates at 12 m. called upon President Harrison at the White House. Returning to their hall the conference was formally declared adjourned.  
Late last night Secretary Blaine decided that the journey through the South, which was to have commenced last night, shall begin to-night at 11 o'clock.

THE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT to be erected at Fairfax C. H., now being built in Washington, is nearing completion. While plain, it is handsome in design. The material used is Richmond granite. The base is composed of three heavy granite blocks or steps, surmounted by the die or pedestal on which the names and inscriptions will be engraved. This will be surmounted by a cap, and again by another, the whole a shaft, altogether 25 or 30 feet in height. This monument is to be placed in the centre of the mound where the remains of 300 sons of eleven sister States who, in defense of a common cause, found sepulture upon Fairfax soil. The names of the men of Fairfax who were killed will be engraved upon this monument as a tribute of affectionate regard by their surviving comrades and friends.—Herald.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT.—While a large hamlock log was being sawed Thursday, at the mill of the Chesapeake and Williamsport Lumber Company, at Sparrows Point, Md., a splinter six inches long and three-quarters of an inch wide flew off and pierced the neck of Harry Shears, who was standing near. It entered the left side of the neck near the jugular vein, and, striking the larynx, was diverted from its course, coming out under the right ear. He will recover.

BODIE, THE BRIDGE JUMPER.—Steve Bodie, of bridge-jumping fame, is going over to the other side to astonish the natives of the Old World with his feats of daring. He will sail next Tuesday from New York. His first act will be a diving leap from St. Patrick's Bridge into the Lake of Killarney, and he will follow this up by swimming across the English Channel from Dover to Calais in his rubber suit.

Dr. Harrison Wagner, who has gained so much notoriety by his numerous suits against the Adams Express Company and others, was examined Wednesday last as to his mental condition at Stafford Court House.

#### NEWS OF THE DAY.

The regular baseball season opened to-day. Ben. E. Ray, colored, was banged at Birmingham, Ala., yesterday. He confessed to four murders.  
A veteran New York politician predicts a tidal wave of democratic success, mostly in the West, next fall.  
The Senate yesterday decided not to arraign the recalcitrant newspaper men, who will find out and publish Senate secrets.  
A wagon load of nitro-glycerine sheets exploded at Cuyahoga, Ohio, yesterday, blowing two men, the wagon and the horses to atoms.  
Ex-Prefect King, of the Pennsylvania Institution for the instruction of the blind, was yesterday found guilty of immorality with boys.

Capt. Nicholas Stonestreet, a well known citizen of Prince George's county, died at his home, "LaGrange," near La Plata station, on Tuesday night, aged 73 years.  
An effort is being made in Washington to secure the release of Judge Kincaid, who, shot ex-Congressman Tanbree, on the ground that imprisonment is shattering his health.

James Dennis, who died at Waynetown, Ind., Wednesday night, confessed that he was chief actor in the murder of Mr. and Mrs. McMullin, for which John F. Coffey was hanged in 1855.  
The levee at Niti crevasse, St. James' Parish, La., has given way, and the track of the Mississippi Valley railway several miles distant is five inches under water. The Mississippi at Baton Rouge is 24 inches higher than ever known before.

John Cardwell, United States consul general at Cairo, Egypt, during the Cleveland administration, died in Richmond, Texas, yesterday of heart disease. He was for many years editor and one of the proprietors of the Austin Statesman.

The Clerical party in the Prussian Diet has asked for the creation of a Catholic section in the ecclesiastical affairs department, but the Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs said that the government could not comply with the demands of the clericals.

A reign of terror prevails in Santiago de Cuba owing to the daring raids of two bodies of bandits who have been ravaging the country. The outlaws recently engaged in a conflict with the guards and three of the latter were killed. The authorities thereupon decided to take severe measures for the repression of the bandits, and troops are now pursuing them. The fear of the bandits is so great that three hundred persons have fled from their estates and gone to the city for safety.

SARCASTIC INGALLS.—Senator Ingalls recently called upon Secretary Noble and solicited the appointment of a Kansas friend to a position in that State. Secretary Noble stated that he appreciated the situation, writes the correspondent of the Kansas City Times, "but," said he, "the difficulty is that the President wants to appoint a friend of his own to that position." "Ah, indeed," replied Mr. Ingalls, "will you please tell me his name?" "I am not at liberty to give his name," courteously replied the secretary. "I would like very much to learn his name," retorted the Kansas Senator. "Kansas gave Harrison 80,000 majority; but if he has a friend in Kansas now I certainly am not acquainted with him." At which sally there was a tableau in Secretary Noble's office.—Phil. Record.

A HEROIC WOMAN.—A shocking accident occurred in the incline of the Washington coal breaker in Plymouth Pa., on Wednesday evening, whereby a woman lost her life to save a child. Mrs. Antonia Comisky was on the incline, picking up coals that fell from the cars. With her was her 5-year-old grand-daughter. She was standing on a track of loaded cars coming down at rapid speed. The little girl was a few yards further down the incline. The cars were within 200 feet of her when she raised her head and saw them. She had time to escape, but the child would be killed. She ran down, seized the little one and tried to jump, but was too late. As the cars struck her she threw the child clear off the track and out of danger. She herself was run over and instantly killed.

JEALOUSY CAUSED THE KILLING.—Dr. J. A. Schuelke shot and killed Druggist Sullivan in his drug store at Lander, Wyoming Territory, on Thursday. The doctor is in jail. The accounts of the quarrel which led to the shooting differ widely. One is that the Arapahoe daughter of a wealthy cattleman was the cause of it. This half-breed maiden is extremely pretty, being the belle of that section, and a terrible flirt. Once she encouraged the attentions of a petty Indian chieftain and a bloody war of short duration resulted, when she cast off the redskin. Schuelke and Sullivan, it is said, wooed the girl and were jealous of each other.

SHAME WATER IN AFRICA.—Says the Mid Continent: "The natives of Africa call New England rum shame water. The Dark Continent has a keen discernment. For it is a burning shame to civilization and Christianity that the African barbarian should be destroyed by Boston rum. The pitiful slavery and cannibalism prevailing among these tribes awake a sense of horror in all who read of them. But it is still more horrible that from a Christian nation the vile poison should be poured in upon them that must lead to their degradation, robbery and destruction. Is the history of the corruption of so many of the Indian tribes by intoxicating liquors to be repeated in Africa?"

RAILROAD TRACKS IN WASHINGTON.—Gen. Lee in the House of Representatives yesterday introduced a bill, the provisions of which are that the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad through the city shall be elevated through the middle of the squares between I and K streets south to the river; thence to the line of the Virginia Midland railroad to a bridge to be built on a location to be determined by the Secretary of War. A branch is to run to B street south, between First and Second streets west, where the passenger station is to be located. The present passenger station is to be abandoned.

DEFENDED THE NEGRO.—Chancery M. Depeu talked to the Yale Alumni Association in New York last night regarding his trip to the South. In speaking of the negroes he said they would be better treated in the South than in the North if they would let politics alone. He recommended that postal savings banks be established in every post office so that the negro might save a dollar at a time, as they were afraid to trust their fellowmen, and would not patronize the national banks.

A Nebraska man has raised a beet more than three feet long. Around some Washington hotel lobbies they can be found six feet long, and paradoxical as it may seem, invariably short.

Women and wine are often classed together by the poets, but we have never yet heard of a poet who claimed that both of them improved with age.

#### VIRGINIA NEWS.

Rev. J. W. Dabney, formerly of Hanover, died in Brazil recently.

Green peas from the adjacent truck-farms have appeared in the Norfolk market.

A new postoffice has been established at Viewtown, Rappahannock county, William R. Spilman, postmaster.

The war claims bill under discussion in the United States House of Representatives yesterday involves many Virginia claims.

Mr. R. P. Rixey and Miss Annie Wine, both of Culpepper county, were married on Wednesday.

Joab Osburn died at his residence near Snickersville, Loudoun county, on Thursday last at the age of 85 years.

The white letter carriers in Richmond are disappearing from the service rapidly, and negro ones are taking their places.

The Constitutional Grand Lodge of the Order of B'nai B'rith will meet in Richmond June 1st, and remain in session five days.

Mrs. W. F. Royster died suddenly in Richmond yesterday whilst attending prayer-meeting in the First Presbyterian Church.

The local option election at Wytheville on Thursday resulted in a victory for the wets, the majority being fourteen.

Mr. A. Browne Evans, of Middlesex, it is thought will be appointed to the vacancy in the ninth judicial circuit to succeed the late Judge Jeffries.

The whole of yesterday was occupied in the bustling court of Richmond in trying police cases. Four colored citizens were fined each \$100 and were given ten days in jail.

Gen. R. H. Milroy, not of savory memory at Winchester and other places in the valley because of his conduct when in command during the war, died recently at Olympia, State of Washington, where he had resided for a number of years.

Mercie's statue of Lee was shipped from Havre on Saturday, April 12. It will probably reach New York by Monday. After it reaches there Colonel Burghwin, the association's engineer, will have it transferred to a Richmond steamer and sent there.

The fine old country residence and farm of 962 acres in Goochland county belonging to the late Hon. James A. Seddon, Confederate States Secretary of War, was sold at public auction yesterday for \$20,200. The purchasers are George Stokes, Willie Stokes, Joseph R. Anderson and Walter Grant.

The authors of a dastardly outrage of mutilation perpetrated on Thursday, near Bedford City, upon Joseph Williams, a most worthy citizen, by three colored men, have not been detected. While feeding his stock at a distance from home, he was met and overpowered by the men, who threw a bag over his head to accomplish their design. The victim is not expected to live.

Hon. George D. Wise is now preparing an address to the democrats of the third district, which he will publish in a few days. In this paper he will announce himself a candidate for reelection to Congress. It is now believed that Colonel Tazewell Ellett and Speaker Cardwell will retire from the race, as the democrats are determined to send Mr. Wise back to Congress as a rebuke to the republicans for turning him out of his seat.

The Charlottesville Chronicle says: On the 9th inst., Judge Dennis signed a decree absolutely divorcing Isabella O. Martin from George Martin on the ground of drunkenness, non-support and unfaithfulness. They were married in December, 1886, in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Martin was the widow of Dr. T. Clay Maddux, of Baltimore city, and the Court in its decree allowed her to resume the name of Maddux.

A bold attempt was made to assassinate C. H. Edmonston, the assistant postmaster of Bellair Mills, in Stafford county. It appears that he had a difficulty with a white man and several negroes about the delivery of some letters. About seven o'clock on Thursday night Edmonston was awakened, and on opening the window, was assaulted by several pistol shots. He and his wife and child dropped upon the floor, while a fusillade of shot broke the glass in the windows, and lodged in the woodwork of the room. Several parties are suspected, but no arrests have yet been made.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—Senator Daniel, of Virginia, who is in his way almost as absent minded as Senator Stewart, of Nevada, narrowly escaped what might have been a serious if not fatal accident Thursday. The Senator had gone down into the basement of the Senate wing to take a look at the boilers and huge fans that furnish heat and air to the chamber above. He proposed to return by way of elevator, which on the basement floor has no door. Not noticing this, Mr. Daniel walked into the elevator shaft and searched about for the bell button. In the meantime the elevator, loaded with a party of visitors, was descending slowly over the Senator's head, the conductor in blissful ignorance of the fact that there was any object between him and the floor. The Senator was still industriously looking for the button, and swearing a little because he couldn't find it, when fortunately an employee came along the passage and, seeing the descending elevator, warned the Senator just in time to save him from receiving its weight upon his head. As the Virginia statesman scrambled up that shaft was the second time he had barely escaped being killed in that way, and added that the blank Senatorial elevator would kill somebody yet.—N. Y. Sun.

SEE KNEW HIM.—Some people carry their deterioration of ignorance so far that they will invent an acquaintance with a subject nobody expects them to know anything about rather than be out of the discussion. On one of the ocean steamers once a friend of mine was a passenger. There was a lady aboard with her daughter. She was from Wisconsin. She said so so often that they finally took her word for it and believed it. She knew pretty nearly everything outside of Wisconsin, too. One day the purser, the captain and several others were sitting around smoking, when the Wisconsin encyclopedia came on deck. As she came up, the purser said, in an ordinary conversational tone, with a wink: "I see Mr. — of Wisconsin, has been appointed Minister to China." "Yes, indeed he has," broke in the lady; "yes, indeed, he has, and I am glad of it. I've known him many years, and many and many a sermon I have listened to from him in his own church. He is a splendid preacher."—San Francisco Examiner.

Court of Appeals Yesterday.  
Price against Brewer. Appeal and supersedeas allowed to decree pronounced by Circuit Court of Rockingham county on the 18th April, 1880.  
Garrett against Hutcheson, sheriff. Argued and submitted.  
Crawford and als. against Board Supervisors of Warwick county. Argued and submitted.

"Ma, the minister is coming." "What makes you think so? Did you see him?" "No; but I saw pa take the parrot and lock it up in the stable."—N. Y. Sun.



#### ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Proceedings of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19, 1880.

A bill to accept from the G. A. R. a statue of General Grant to be placed in the statutory hall in the Capitol, was reported from committee and placed on the calendar.

In connection with this bill Mr. Vest stated that the committee on public buildings and grounds had this morning ordered the reporting of a bill for an equestrian statue of General Grant in the city of Washington.

The bill authorizing the purchase of a site for a building for the accommodation of the Supreme Court of the United States, (the square directly east of the Capitol, and corresponding with the new library site) was passed.

#### HOUSE.

In his prayer this morning the chaplain paid a tribute to the memory of the late representative Cox, of New York, eulogies upon whom will be delivered in the House this afternoon.

At one o'clock after the passage of a few unimportant local bills, public business was suspended and the House proceeded to pay tribute to the memory of Samuel S. Cox, of New York. Mr. Cummings, of New York, leading off.

#### A Virginia Claim

[Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]  
WASHINGTON, April 19.—The bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to re-examine and resettle the accounts of certain States and the city of Baltimore growing out of moneys expended by said States and Baltimore for military purposes during the war of 1812, passed the Senate this afternoon. In this bill Virginia is interested to the amount of about half a million dollars. This is not the claim that Virginia turned over to the Mount Vernon Avenue Association.

#### Foreign News.

PARIS, April 19.—Henry M. Stanley left for Brussels this morning. He said he did not trouble himself about the churlish articles published in the French press, nor the hostility shown him by the members of the Geographical Society. He was glad that he had been spared a reception in Paris, as he would receive plenty elsewhere.

BRUSSELS, April 19.—Mr. Stanley reached this city at two o'clock this afternoon. A great crowd of people gathered at the railway station, and when he appeared he was given an ovation and driven to the royal palace.

LONDON, April 19.—Mr. Jameson denies that he has sent a challenge to the New York Yacht Club for a race for the America's cup. The Field says that nothing will be done in the matter until autumn.

LONDON, April 19.—A coal vessel, bound from Shields, for this port, has foundered at sea and fourteen of her crew were drowned.

The steamer Umbria, from New York arrived at Queenstown to-day, having on board the crew of the Norwegian bark Magdalena from Buenos Ayres for Quebec. The Magdalena collided with an iceberg on the evening of April 15. She was badly damaged and made water rapidly. On the next day she was abandoned in a waterlogged condition.

PARIS, April 19.—President Carnot to-day gave an audience at Toulon to Admiral Loyer, commanding the squadron sent by Italy to do honor to the President of France. The Admiral presented M. Carnot with an autograph letter from King Humbert.

#### A Murderous Negro.

NEWBERG, N. Y., April 19.—At the Pennsylvania coal dock here this morning George Taylor, the colored captain of a coal boat, became enraged over the refusal of the company to advance him money, and starting out with a revolver began an indiscriminate attack. He fatally wounded one man and then went to the office of the company and fired through the door. One of the clerks was shot in the leg and the others got out of the way as soon as possible. In the meantime a coal dock man named Hoyt got a shotgun and encountered the negro. The latter raised his revolver to fire but Hoyt shot first, bringing down the negro, who was then secured. It is said that Taylor has been in an insane asylum.

#### Attempted Assassination

ELIZABETH, N. J., April 19.—A man last evening attempted to assassinate Lottie, daughter of Rev. Dr. T. R. Dunn, of the Fulton street Methodist Episcopal Church. The young lady, who was about to retire, stepped to a front window to pull down a shade when bullet went crashing through the glass, lodging in the ceiling. The fellow fled after the shooting. Half an hour later he made an attempt to kill Maud and Irene Weber in Franklin street. He fired two shots in succession and then ran off. The bullets grazed the heads of the young ladies and to-day they are suffering from the shock.

#### A Singular Discovery.

NAUVOO, Ill., April 19.—While workmen were engaged in removing an outhouse on the premises of the Catholic convent part of the flooring sank out of sight, and investigation revealed an old well, thought to be fully 200 feet deep. This discovery goes to strengthen the supposition that during the Mormon regime many hidden wells and subterranean passages existed in the city which were never accounted for.

#### Burned to Death.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., April 19.—The house of farmer Andrew Young of Pennsylvania burned to the ground last night. Two little children of Mr. Young were burned to death, and Mrs. Slieffs, the housekeeper, was horribly burned while rescuing the other children. The fire was caused by the explosion of a coal oil lamp in the room where the children slept.

W. T. Adkins has been appointed a store-keeper and gauger for the 9th Va. district,

#### The Chicago Wheat Market.

CHICAGO, April 19.—Wheat opened higher and advanced sharply. July was quoted at 88½ sellers, almost two cents above yesterday's closing. May was lost sight of in the rush for July. By ten o'clock May had become easier, the quotation then being 87½ bid. May opened at 90 and declined 1.

#### The Davis Relief Fund

JACKSON, Miss., April 19.—The secretary of the committee to aid the family of Hon. Jefferson Davis, received to-day stock in the "Davis Land Company" to the amount of ten thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars. The sum of eight thousand dollars has been forwarded to Mrs. Davis, which she will apply in part payment of the debt of her late husband, amounting in the aggregate to \$45,000.

POSTOFFICE BUILDINGS.—The House committee on Postoffices yesterday reported the bill to provide for the erection of postoffice buildings in towns and cities whose receipts exceed \$3,000 per year, and the buildings are to be erected wherever the Postmaster-General decides. No building under the act is to cost more than \$25,000, and over that must be by special act. The following towns in Virginia which have not already post office buildings come under this bill: Alexandria, Charlottesville, Culpeper, Farmville, Fredericksburg, Hampton, Leesburg, Lexington, Liberty, Newport News, Portsmouth, Richmond, Roanoke, Salem, Staunton, Suffolk, University of Virginia, Warrenton, Winchester, Wytheville.

Lusher—My dear, I think I will go out and get an opera glass. Mrs. L.—Better get a pair and not go out after the next act.

#### LIST OF LETTERS.

The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., postoffice April 19. Persons calling for letters will please say they are advertised.  
Advertised letters, not called for within two weeks, will be sent to the dead letter office.

Baylor, Miss Sallie Jackson, Chap.  
Boles, Grant Kearns, Mrs Lucy  
Brown, Louis Johns, C.  
Colman, Claborne Lee, Mrs Jennie  
Connor, Mrs Ellen McLean, H.  
Crumh, Mrs Emeline, 2 Morris, Miss  
Dixon, Mrs Regor, Wm  
Fox, Mrs Katie Russell, Miss Emma  
Frazier, Miss Ruth Lee Wirtten, Capt James  
Gilkard, Richard Williams, Mrs Martha  
Hood, Miss Kate Ware, Richard, 2  
Hill, Mr and Mrs M

PARK AGNEW, P. M.

#### MONEY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, April 19.—In the stock market this morning the general list was quite dull, but the brisk trading in a few leading shares made a comparatively active market for some time. The opening prices were at about last evening's figures, a large number of stocks being unchanged. The market developed a strong tone, however, principally under the impression that a good bank statement will be forthcoming, but the fluctuations were entirely insignificant except in the few leaders. The Chesapeake and Ohio stocks were strong, especially the first preferred, which rose to 64½, against 62 last evening, but all the other movements were for fractional amounts only. At 11 o'clock the market was fairly active and strong at the best prices reached.

BALTIMORE, April 19.—Virginia Gs consolidated 41¼; past-due coupon —; 10-40s 36; do 3s 66½.

BALTIMORE, April 19.—Cotton firm; middling 11¼. Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat—Southern strong and active; Futures 85½; longberry 87½; No. 2 88½; No. 3 89½; No. 4 90½; No. 5 91½; No. 6 92½; No. 7 93½; No. 8 94½; No. 9 95½; No. 10 96½; No. 11 97½; No. 12 98½; No. 13 99½; No. 14 100½; No. 15 101½; No. 16 102½; No. 17 103½; No. 18 104½; No. 19 105½; No. 20 106½; No. 21 107½; No. 22 108½; No. 23 109½; No. 24 110½; No. 25 111½; No. 26 112½; No. 27 113½; No. 28 114½; No. 29 115½; No. 30 116½; No. 31 117½; No. 32 118½; No. 33 119½; No. 34 120½; No. 35 121½; No. 36 122½; No. 37 123½; No. 38 124½; No. 39 125½; No. 40 126½; No. 41 127½; No. 42 128½; No. 43 129½; No. 44 130½; No. 45 131½; No. 46 132½; No. 47 133½; No. 48 134½; No. 49 135½; No. 50 136½; No. 51 137½; No. 52 138½; No. 53 139½; No. 54 140½; No. 55 141½; No. 56 142½; No. 57 143½; No. 58 144½; No. 59 145½; No. 60 146½; No. 61 147½; No. 62 148½; No. 63 149½; No. 64 150½; No. 65 151½; No. 66 152½; No. 67 153½; No. 68 154½; No. 69 155½; No. 70 156½; No. 71 157½; No. 72 158½; No. 73 159½; No. 74 160½; No. 75 161½; No. 76 162½; No. 77 163½; No. 78 164½; No. 79 165½; No. 80 166½; No. 81 167½; No. 82 168½; No. 83 169½; No. 84 170½; No. 85 171½; No. 86 172½; No. 87 173½; No. 88 174½; No. 89 175½; No. 90 176½; No. 91 177½; No. 92 178½; No. 93 179½